

Marine Biological Laboratory,
Woods Hole, Mass.

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Dear Josh,

Well, I am most sympathetic with you in your 100° weather. I sometimes wonder whether it was ever really worth our while to civilize the North American continent, considering what an inclement type of weather prevails over most of it in winter and in summer. Even here we have had a few days in the 90° range, but not enough to be really trying. Has your new home got air conditioning?

Sorry I misjudged Caspari. I don't know anything about the plastids in Scenedesmus, I'm afraid: I don't even remember seeing anything about them in the literature. Joyce is now trying to section diatoms of the aging and non-aging kinds, and will send you pictures if anything comes of them.

Even if we don't see you at Michigan, I think we may well drop in on you at Madison, since we are driving across to La Jolla at the beginning of September. Buzzati-Traverso has invited us for a couple of months - expenses and pocket money provided - and we are greatly looking forward to this venture. After that the crystal ball remains distinctly opalescent; but I feel that something may turn out of our fund-application activities, and we may stay here for a while.

return to I enclose curricula vitae as requested.

All the best to you both.

Yours,



Ralph A. Lewin